

Every child has the right to be Loved

What kind of care do Foster Children need?

Foster care is child-centered and family-focused. Our foster children have needs like other children. They need shelter, food, love, education, security and an opportunity to play and interact with other children.

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Apply to be a foster family

If you are interested in finding out more about the Fostering Scheme, call us at **6299 9234**



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Adoption is, on the other hand, a legal process where an adopted child assumes the rights of a natural child of the family. The family would assume the same responsibilities, as they would do for their own children.

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Fostering. It takes Someone Like You...



Give a child what they need most.
A childhood. Loving parents and a nurturing home environment



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Every child deserves a home

What is the Fostering Scheme?

The Fostering Service of the Ministry of Social and Family Development administers the Fostering Scheme for children below the age of 18.

Fostering is when volunteer families provide food, shelter, clothing and love to children who are in need. The Fostering Scheme aims to provide an alternative care arrangement for these children so that they can benefit from a safe, stable and nurturing home environment as well as grow and fulfill their potential.



What Foster Parents should know first

Can foster parents choose the children they want to care for?

Foster parents can indicate the age

and gender of children whom they feel they can best care for. Foster parents will be matched to a child according to the child's needs and their ability to care for the child.

What kind of support is available to foster parents?

Fostering Coordinators offer regular support, advice through home visits, telephone contact and training.

These allow foster parents to exchange information and views on the child's development, welfare and any other concerns that foster parents may have. The training will cover child development needs, child management issues, and issues relating to fostering children in need of care and protection.

Foster parents can call the Fostering

Emergency Hotline for assistance after office hours. Foster parents will receive a monthly fostering allowance. The allowance is meant to meet the needs of the child such as :

- Food
- Clothing
- Transport costs
- School fees

Who can apply to be foster parents?

- Must be a resident of

sessions, etc.

- Have a minimum monthly household income of \$2000
- Willing to ensure a child-safe home environment
- Prepared to protect and maintain the child's privacy
- Capacity to support the child's relationship with his/her family
- Agree to participate in training organized by the Ministry
- Willing to work with MSF officers and other designated agencies



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- Preferably married
- At least 25 years old
- Must be medically fit to care for children
- Attained secondary school education
- Have experience caring for and living with children and/ or strong parenting skills
- Ensure that the children attend all the necessary medical appointments, counseling and physiotherapy

